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**ESI MEATS, INC.**

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**Document:** Response to Information Request Letter  
**From:** Hal L. Shepard, Industrial Engineer  
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**To:** U.S. EPA Region V, Re: Himco Landfill  
**Date:** 11/21/88

**Summary:** Response to 104(e) information request letter

- Major producer of portion controlled meats for Ponderosa restaurant chain. Wholly-owned subsidiary of Ponderosa.
- Mfg. Process: Receiving boxed frozen beef, cutting the beef into portion sizes, packaging the beef, freezing the packages, & transporting the product to customers.
- Wastes generated include: chlorinated sanitation waters along with normal processed waters generated from portion-controlled meat products. These waters are treated through their own activated sludge system. The solids which are produced from their process pass through their own aerobic digestion system and are land applied.
- ESI has an in-house incinerator which is used to burn approx. 90% of corrugated waste. The heat generated is used to pre-heat the boiler water.
- On-site wastewater disposal system consists of an activated sludge system using aerobic digestion with the final effluent discharged to the Bristol Sewage System. Avg. gal/day processed is 26,400, Our avg. B.O.D. is 48.5 ppm & total suspended solids averages 89.6 ppm. Both well below the standard set by Bristol (300 ppm).
- SIC is 2011.

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- Hazardous Waste disposal firms:  
Safety-Kleen  
2217 Western Ave.  
South Bend, IN 46628  
EPA ID # IND000715474

Chemicals Disposed of:

Perchloroethylene  
CAS # 127-18-4, 652 lbs./mo.  
Safety-Kleen recycles this product

Petroleum Naptha  
CAS # 91-20-3, 40 lbs./mo.  
Safety-Kleen recycles this product

Refrigerator oil & Hydraulic oil

Berreth Oil Co., 1301 W. 6th St., Mishawaka, IN 46544 transports used oils off the premises. Approximately 250 gal./mo. are disposed of. Hal L. Shepard (Industrial Engineer) is responsible for arrangements with Safety-Kleen Co. & John Hulewicz is responsible for on-site wastewater treatment plant.

- Waste generated to Himco has never been hazardous & includes the following: Paper, tin cans, plastic bags, corrugated boxes, wood, etc.

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**Date:** 4/25/89

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**Document:** Federal Express Envelope  
**From:** James Hill  
**To:** Robert Lance  
**Date:** 6/9/89

**Document:** Response to Information Request Letter  
**From:** James Hill, Atty.  
Coolidge, Wall, Womsley, & Lombard  
600 IBM Building  
33 West First St.  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(513) 223-8177

**To:** Robert Lance, U.S. EPA Region V  
**Date:** 6/9/89

**Summary:** Cover letter which has enclosed the responses to an EPA 104(e) letter dated 4/21/88.

- Accounts receivable records, MSDS Sheets attached
- ESI was incorporated in '69 to mfg. steaks & ground beef for its parent company, Ponderosa, Inc. The company moved its original facility on C.R. 13 in Goshen, IN to the current facility in Bristol, IN in '80.
- During the time period '69 - '77, only t-bones, ribeyes, strip steaks, & ground beef patties were produced. The products were cut on a band saw or pressed into a uniform shape, dipped into a salt-based tenderizer solution, placed in a poly-bag, boxed, then frozen. Ground beef was made out of frozen boxed trimmings, line trim, & fresh trim received in 2000 pound combo boxes. The product was ground, run through a patty former, boxed, & frozen.
- Steak cutting operations generate renderings that are sold to a rendering company. It also produces corrugated box trash, poly-wrappings, plastic, and steel bandings. Nightly sanitation produces a process waste, which consists of USDA approved soaps & sanitizers in solution with the fat & blood left on equipment. Compressor oil is generated by refrigerators, & motor oil is generated by maintenance on tractors used at the facility. Perchloroethylene was not used during the time frame '69-'77
- Himco Waste-Away - trash consisting of boxes, poly-wrapping, Elkhart, IN plastic, & steel banding.
- ESI does not have records of trash rendering pick-ups for this time period. There are notices of price increases from Himco for the '74 - '81 time frame.
- Waste oils generated from refrigerator compressors and tractor maintenance were routinely applied to a gravel parking area to keep

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the dust down. Other chemicals such as caustic drain cleaners were disposed of in the waste treatment retention ponds at the facility.

**Document:** Response to Special Notice Letter  
**From:** James Hill, Atty.  
**To:** Debbie Fript, U.S. EPA  
**Date:** 9/18/90  
**Summary:**

- On behalf of ESI Meats, Inc., Mr. Hill declines EPA's invitation to perform or finance activities to connect homeowners near Himco to municipal water supply.
- Based on review of ESI's records, no evidence indicates that they generated any hazardous wastes to Himco dump
- Will continue to cooperate with EPA, & if EPA has any info. that implicates ESI as a haz.-waste generator at Himco, will reevaluate this position.